Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) At the instance of the District Munsiff, Perumpavur, the Registrar, High Court, in his letter No. 2339/C. S., dated the 26th September 1930, requested Government to instruct the Chief Engineer for the necessary repairs to the building being attended to and to construct a compound wall. Orders were accordingly issued to the Chief Engineer and the works carried out in 1932.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether any compound wall has been put up as yet?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The Chief Engineer was asked to construct the wall and he has reported that the work has been carried out.

Recommendation from the High Court for a new building for the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court.

15. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many times the High Court recommended that a new building for the Munsiff's Court at Perumpavur should be constructed at an early date; and

(*b*) when these recommendations were made and with what effect?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: (*a*) Once (April 1914).

(*b*) The member is referred to answer to question No. 14.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of answer to part (*a*) will the Government be pleased to order the putting up of that building?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The matter has been taken up. The Chief Engineer has been asked to prepare an estimate and it is being prepared by the Division Officer, Alwaye.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know when the Chief Engineer was asked to prepare an estimate?

Rao Sahib Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: In October 1934.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has submitted the estimate?

Rao Sahib Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: The Chief Engineer has in his letter No. 159 dated 19th January 1935, asked the Division Officer, Alwaye, to prepare and submit the estimate in question.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether he has done so?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: No. He is preparing it.

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Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know what is the reasonable time for submitting such an estimate by the Chief Engineer.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I submit it is a matter of opinion.

President: That depends upon the nature of the work.

Profits from the Perumpavur Munsiff's Court.

16. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the net profits from the Munsiff's Court at Perumpavur range between Rs. 14,000 and Rs. 20,000 per annum?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: The net profits for five years from 1105 to 1109 ranged between Rs. 17,930 and Rs. 24,836.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the answer that the net profits rose from Rs. 17,930 to Rs. 24,836, will the Government be pleased to take up the construction of a new building at an early date?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I have already answered that Government have taken the necessary action in the matter.

Submission of alternative designs by P. W. D. Contractors.

17. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that when tenders are called for P. W. D. Works the contractors are required to submit alternative designs of the proposed work to be done;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that contracts are invariably given to those who submit alternative designs irrespective of the fact that there are other applicants for the same with reduced tenders and competent to work out the same satisfactorily; and

(*c*) whether there are not competent trained hands in the department to prepare clear and proper designs?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) No, but are invited to, in certain classes of important works.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of answer to part (*c*), may I ask wherein lies the necessity for ordering designs from the contractors?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: In important works, we invite alternative designs from specialists to take advantage of their expert knowledge.

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